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SUBJECT: W/W MATTHEW GANJER

REF: ZAGREB 380

1. DURING MAY 4 MEETING WITH FSFA ASST SECTY BERNARDIC, AMBASSADOR STATED THAT SINCE THEIR LAST MEETING, ANOTHER AMERICAN HAD BEEN DETAINED IN YUGOSLAVIA INVOLUNTARILY, WAS ABOUT TO TAKE HIS PHYSICAL FOR ENTRANCE INTO THE YUGOSLAV ARMED FORCES AND HAD HAD HIS PASSPORT TAKEN AWAY. HE ASKED THAT BERNARDIC LOOK INTO CASE AND ADDED THAT USG CONSIDERS AMERICAN PASSPORTS TO BE THE PROPERTY OF THE US. THUS HE WAS COMPELLED TO PROTEST AGAINST ACTION BY YUGOSLAV AUTHORITIES TO RELIEVE AMERICAN CITIZENS OF THEIR PASSPORTS. HE SAID THAT THE POSSIBLE DRAFTING OF GANJER IS A DIFFERENT AND EQUALLY IMPORTANT ISSUE, BUT ALSO THE US OBJECTS TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES SEIZING AMERICAN PASSPORTS.

2. BERNARDIC, WHO SAID HE WAS NOT FAMILIAR WITH THIS CASE, STATED THAT AFTER HIS MOST RECENT DISCUSSION WITH THE AMBASSADOR ON THE ALIMI CASE IN PARTICULAR AND THE DUAL NATIONAL QUESTION IN GENERAL, HE HAD ASKED THAT VARIOUS OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH SUCH MATTERS---LEGAL, CONSULAR,
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AND OTHERS --SEARCH FOR A POSSIBLE FORMULA TO AVOID SIMILAR CASES IN THE FUTURE. HE SAID THIS MATTER IS BEING PURSUED AND THAT HE HIMSELF WILL LOOK INTO THE LATEST CASE.
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